

# ABBNEYFIELD SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER.

Monday 15 May 2023

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Ambitious to  
Achieve**

*Creativity Honesty Independence  
Resilience Respect Responsibility*



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

I am delighted to welcome you back to Abbeyfield School for the Summer term. With the warmer weather finally here, we are excited for all the opportunities that lie ahead for our students, as well as being able to update you on some key information from behind the scenes.

I want to start by congratulating all the students studying for exams who participated in our Easter revision school and the last weeks of revision ahead of the formal exam period starting. It has been a great success, and I was impressed with the dedication and hard work shown by the majority of students. I am confident that their efforts will pay off in the upcoming exams, but this is also the time for all parents of students studying to also support us in ensuring the following:

- Consistent revision and time being devoted to preparing
- Full equipment (clear pencil case with all necessary equipment)
- Daily routines that allow for on time arrival and prepared start to the day
- Support of the additional opportunities being offered to students which may involve some sessions outside of class time

Looking ahead, we have many exciting opportunities planned for our students. We have a variety of sports competitions, music performances, and trust wide events scheduled, so please keep an eye on our website and newsletters for details. This has already been exemplified by a second place cup finish in Football, Abbeyfield Rocks with our music department, and our Knowledge connected days from Creative Education Trust. We have also begun planning our new rewards system, which will feature a rewards room and a cloud based tracker for parents.

The ongoing pastoral support for students at the school is central to our vision, and one that I am hugely committed to. I'm pleased to announce that we now have the following structures added on top of our existing staff which will be in place moving forward over the coming months, with all being fully embedded come the start of the next academic year at the latest.

Pastoral	Safeguarding	Attendance	SEND
2 x Counsellors appointed	- Team of 4 safeguarding staff members, all non teaching, overseen by our new Designated Safeguarding Lead, Ms Lee	- Team of 4 fully trained attendance staff members to support with raising attendance expectations	- 2 newly appointed Deputy SENDco staff (Mrs Williams and Mrs Rennie)
Teaching and Non Teaching Head and Assistant Heads of year	- Additional Early Help worker	- Educational Welfare officer (Mrs Coare) and partnership with WPA education created	- Assistant Principal for Inclusion
2 x Mentors			- Appointment of additional inclusion assistants
Family support worker			
Student social workers			
New Director of Behaviour			

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to thank all parents for their continued support. We appreciate the trust you place in us to provide the best possible education for your children. A reminder that the Parent drop ins for Heads of Year and Principal are on Mondays every week- we look forward to seeing you all!

Together, we can ensure that our students reach their full potential.

Thank you once again for your continued support, and I look forward to working with you throughout the remainder of the Summer term.

**JAY KERBY**

# Y11 PROM.

## TUESDAY 04 JULY

Our Year 11 Prom is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to celebrating with a large number of our year eleven students who have consistently met expectations. If you have not yet completed the payment for Prom please do so as soon as possible.

**The deadline is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 9am.**

We need to meet with the venue on this day to confirm numbers, dietary requirements and pay the balance. If you have not yet let us know about any dietary requirements, then please contact school reception who can send you the link to the form. A limited number of places are still available should your child meet the published criteria and wish to attend. Any queries about this please ask your child to come and see Mrs Rennie. Thank you.

# EXTRA CURRICULAR.

## U15 FOOTBALL COUNTY CUP RUNNERS UP

On Wednesday 19 April, Abbeyfield competed in the final of the County Cup against NSB held at the Dog and Duck Stadium, Wellingborough.

Playing on a wide pitch, created plenty of space for both teams to have their fair share of possession and develop attacking opportunities. It was a tight first half which finished 0-0 at the break. NSB made their way into the Abbeyfield box early into the second half and were awarded a penalty when put under pressure, and the referee deemed there was a push. NSB took this chance and almost immediately grabbed a second as Abbeyfield were yet to switch back on. However, Abbeyfield created several opportunities and O. Evans scored the goal of the game with a long-range effort from outside NSB's box to bring Abbeyfield back into the tie. NSB held out for the final 10 minutes to end up victorious.

Well done to all players who kept fighting until the end and the fantastic achievement of finishing runners up in the County. The team then went on to beat Kingsthorpe 3-2 the following week to achieve another unbeaten league season, their second in as many years.

# ALL-ENGLAND DANCE GALA.

The local Oncore Dance Academy were selected, by Dame Arlene Phillips, from hundreds of schools across the country to take part in a wonderful event and perform at The London Coliseum on Sunday 02 April. Only around twenty schools were selected so this was a huge achievement.

**Mia B. and Maia C.,** Abbeyfield students, spent many hours in rehearsals in the lead up to this event and worked incredibly hard to produce a stunning performance.

# CHARITY AND COMMUNITY.

Thank you for your continuous support towards our charity projects. Our Books2Africa project is growing weekly and will be running until the end of the summer term so please do keep on donating.

- ✓ New or Used books
- ✓ Written in English, French or any African language
- ✓ Nursery, Primary, Secondary and University textbooks
- ✓ Dictionaries, Encyclopedias and Reference books
- ✓ Novels, Hobbies and Leisure books
- ✓ Bibles, Hymnals and Religious books
- ✓ Unused Notebooks, Exercise books and stationery
- ✓ Ex Library or Charity shop books
- ✓ Comics



# CAREERS.

## YEAR 11

The majority of students in year 11 have applied and been accepted (conditional or unconditional) on a college course, 6<sup>th</sup> form, or apprenticeship for next academic year, which is great news. There are still a few individuals we are supporting to ensure they research and apply for the right course and take the right move for them post-16. If your child is still unsure about their route and would like further support, they can speak with their tutors and arrange a careers meeting.

## PARENT SURVEY - CAREERS

We would love to hear your feedback as parents to help us grow as a careers department, please can you spend 2 minutes of your time to complete the following survey:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yu1GLt0A20uVy2z1Ys-7pBXP4oY\\_crxBp7pvKR\\_KVxxUNkY2WDZFREo0SURRENTYxQ09PTDQ5UINRUS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yu1GLt0A20uVy2z1Ys-7pBXP4oY_crxBp7pvKR_KVxxUNkY2WDZFREo0SURRENTYxQ09PTDQ5UINRUS4u)

Feedback is always valued – you can also email our careers department any time:

[abs-careers@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:abs-careers@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk)

## REMAINING CAREER EVENTS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

- 22-26<sup>th</sup> May – Careers Advisors at Abbeyfield are in to complete early intervention, early IAG for year 12, and any year 11's needing support with applications.
- 25<sup>th</sup> May – 'Futures First Carousel' – details TBC
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – 'STEAM Northants' – select year 9 students (details have gone out to year 9 tutors)
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – 'Car Crash Careers' details TBC
- 26-30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 work experience week
- 13<sup>th</sup> July – Careers Fair in the sports hall – year 9, 10, and 12
- 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 work based project day

## FURTHER SUPPORT

Wanting to help your child understand their strengths, skills and interests? My World of Work website has a wide range of resources for both students and parents. Click on the link to complete a short questionnaire which can help students decide which jobs they like, complete applications and write personal statements. [Webinars for parents and carers | My World of Work](#)



# My World of Work